

## THE GAZETTE.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 20.

A STORY OF JOHN B. GOUGH.—"Keep your seat," said I, as my friend rose to go. "I cannot help remarking that old bouncer who attempted to be played upon Gough by everybody's pet humorist, Mark Twain, and that Falstaff jester, the Fat Contributor. It has been told before, but I should like to repeat it, stripping the story from the falsehoods by which it was formerly embellished."

One evening Twain and Gris found themselves together at the Sherman house, in Chicago. Lifting about in search of the picturesque, they followed the human stream till (to wear the metaphor threadbare) they straggled on a bar. Mr. Gough was staying at the house at the time, and, being unwell, had retired early. A bright idea struck Twain's restless mind. "Let's send him up a cocktail," said Twain. "He'll be good and acting upon. Waiter, arrived at Mr. Gough's room. 'Some mistake, please, touch liquor.' Waiter positive: Mr. Gough more so."

On the way down it occurred to the darkey that it was a pity the cocktail should be wasted, so he drank it, and reported "all right" at the bar. Twain and Gris, intensely delighted, thought they had caught the lecturer napping. "Let's send him up another," said Gris. Same result; cocktail received home by darkey. Excitement at fever heat.

"Give him brandy, strong!" shouted Twain. Disappearance of darkey—ditto cocktail. Report satisfactory; and the precious pair put their heads together and were concocting a plan to mix liquors on the temperance man when Mr. Gough entered the bar room, approached our heroes, and said:

"I am afraid you rest under a misapprehension. Seeing that I am being made the victim of some practical joke, I followed the water down, and saw him drink the liquor that I supposed you thought I had used. You will please refrain from sending any more up, as I have not felt the need of such drinks for years."

## AUCTION SALES.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.—In execution of a decree of the County Court of Prince William county, rendered on the 8th day of August, 1871, in the suit of James E. Herrell vs. O. A. & M. R. R. Company, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, on MONDAY, the 26th day of May next, before the front door of the Court House, at Brentsville, Va., at 11 o'clock a. m., that valuable TRACT or PARCEL OF LAND, adjacent to the Depot, between the Haymarket Turnpike and the O. A. & M. R. R., containing by recent survey 153 acres, and now in the occupation of James E. Herrell aforesaid.

The improvements consist of a substantial, well finished, and convenient DWELLING HOUSE, (45 by 25 feet) fronting the Haymarket Turnpike, and about 300 yards from Gainesville Depot, at a cost of \$14,500; two stories and basement; it contains 4 rooms, in basement; 2 rooms, besides a large hall on the first floor; 5 rooms and 2 good sized linen closets, on the second floor; fire place, or arrangement for stoves, in every room but one; a handsome enclosed porch or veranda in front, and a large bay window, in the Southern end; an excellent well of pure soft water, in back yard; convenient outbuildings, and about 75 choice young fruit trees upon the premises.

Terms: One-fourth of the purchase money to be paid in cash; the remainder, in two equal payments, at one and two years, from the day of sale; the deferred payments to bear interest, to be secured by the bonds of purchaser, with good surety, and retention of title to the land until all payments are made in full, and the land to be resold, at the risk of the purchaser, upon failure to comply with the terms of sale.

Persons desiring to examine the property, are referred to Mr. Herrell, who can always be found upon the premises, and will be glad to show them.

By Green & Wise, (Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers.) DESIRABLE DWELLING IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR SALE.—By virtue of a decree of the Corporation Court for the city of Alexandria, pronounced at its March term, 1872, in the suit of John W. Ridd vs. Ridd and others defendants, in chancery, the undersigned, commissioner therein named, will proceed, on SATURDAY, the 27th day of April, 1872, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the premises, in the city of Alexandria, to sell, by public auction, the desirable two-story, press-brick finish DWELLING HOUSE and LOT, situated on the south side of Prince street, between Royal and Pitt, beginning 127 feet east of Pitt street, and running east on Prince street 31 feet 8 inches; thence west with Prince street 31 feet 8 inches; thence north to the beginning.

Terms: One-tenth cash to be paid on the day of sale, and the residue in equal instalments at six, twelve and eighteen months, with interest from the day of sale; purchaser to give bonds with approved security for the deferred payments, and the title to be retained until they are fully paid. Stamps and conveyancing at the cost of the purchaser. GEO. H. MARKELL, Commissioner.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.—By virtue of a deed of trust from James G. W. Brunner and Catharine T. his wife, to Joseph E. Birch, executed on the 24th day of May, A. D. 1871, and recorded in Liber N. No. 3, folio 338 Land Records of Fairfax county, Va., the undersigned, as trustee, will offer for sale on the premises, in the village of Falls Church, Fairfax county, Va., on the 23rd day of APRIL, A. D. 1872, at 10 o'clock a. m., all that TRACT OF LAND now occupied by said J. G. W. Brunner, situated on the north side of Perrygo Lynch and others, and containing about 25 acres of land in a good state of cultivation, improved by a comfortable DWELLING, stable, &c. Subject to the lien of a deed of trust to secure the payment of \$1,000.

Terms: Cash. Conveyancing and stamps at cost of Purchaser. N. B. Persons from Washington or Alexandria wishing to attend the sale, take the cars of the W. & O. R. R. in Alexandria at 8:40 a. m., arriving at Falls Church Station at 9:10 a. m., returning, cars leave Falls Church Station at 2:30 p. m., arriving in Alexandria at 3:05 p. m., allowing five hours at Falls Church for the transaction of business.

JOSEPH E. BIRCH, Trustee. TRUSTEE'S SALE.—By virtue of a deed of trust from Wm. Wilson and Deborah, his wife, to Jonathan D. Crocker, executed on the 23rd day of July, A. D. 1855, and recorded in Liber W. No. 3, folio 338 Land Records of Fairfax county, Va., the undersigned, as trustee, will offer for sale at Fairfax Court House, Va., on the 15th day of APRIL, A. D. 1872, at 12 o'clock m., that being Court day, all that FARM now occupied by Wm. A. Wilson, situated in Fairfax county, Va., about ten miles from Georgetown, D. C., adjoining the lands of Cady, Elgin and Gunnell, containing about 92 acres of land in a good state of cultivation, together with the improvements thereon, which consist of a comfortable DWELLING, barn and other necessary outbuildings. Terms: One-fourth cash, remainder in three equal instalments at six, twelve and eighteen months, with interest, from day of sale, secured by negotiable notes satisfactorily endorsed; title retained till purchase money is fully paid. Conveyancing and stamps at cost of purchaser. JONATHAN D. CROCKER, Trustee.

EARTHENWARE, CHINA, &c. I am now receiving my SPRING STOCK, to which the attention of country merchants and dealers generally is invited. Will you call and buy as cheap at home, why go abroad for goods? Call and examine my stock and prices, and I will satisfy you that you can do as well here as anywhere else. mh 28-3m E. J. MILLER.

BAGS! BAGS! Having taken the agency of a large Eastern Bag Manufacturing Co., we are constantly on hand a good assortment of GRAIN BAGS, to which we offer to the trade on the most favorable terms. M. ELDRIDGE & CO., No. 4 South wharves. mh 28

## FANCY GOODS.

Millinery & Straw Goods. 1872.

WHITE GOODS, EMBROIDERIES, &c. ARNSTRONG, CATOR & CO., Importers, Manufacturers and Jobbers of BONNETS, TRIMMING, NECK AND SASH RIBBONS, VELVET RIBBONS, NECK TIES.

Bonnet Silks, Satins, Velvets and Crapes, Flowers, Feathers, Ornaments, Frames, &c., Straw Bonnets and Ladies' and Children's Hats, trimmed and untrimmed. And, in connecting warehouses, White Goods, Linens, Embroideries, Laces, Nets, Collars, Sets, Handkerchiefs, Veilings, Head Nets, &c., &c.

These goods are manufactured by us or bought for cash directly from the European and American manufacturers, embracing all the latest novelties, unequalled in variety and cheapness in any market.

Orders filled with care promptness and dispatch. mh 7-1m

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